

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 2-4, 28-30, 37, 38, 44, 45, 51, 52, 57, and 58 without prejudice or disclaimer. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing access services, comprising:

receiving user session state information for a first user at an application program interface for an access system, said user session state information is from an application without a web agent front end, said user session state information is from a cookie stored on a client for said first user, said user session state information is encrypted, and said step of receiving user session state information includes decrypting said user session state information;

receiving, at said application program interface, a request to authorize said first user to access a first resource, said request to authorize is from said application without a web agent front end; and

providing authorization services of said access system to said application using said application program interface in an attempt to authorize said first user to access said first resource without requiring said first user to re-submit authentication credentials[.];

receiving a request from said application for unencrypted data from said user session state information; and

providing said unencrypted data from said user session state information to said application, said application does not have access to a key to decrypt said user session state information.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim [[4]] 1, wherein:  
said unencrypted data includes an identity for said first user.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein:  
~~said user session state information is a session token from a cookie stored on a~~  
~~client for said first user,~~ said session state information was created by an access system; and  
said access system performs said step of attempting to authorize.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein:  
~~said user session state information is a session token from a cookie stored on a~~  
~~client for said first user,~~ said user session state information was created by an access system and  
provided to said application by said access system;

    said application caused said session token to be stored in said cookie; and  
    said access system attempts to authorize said first user.

8. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said user session state  
information includes:

    an identity for said first user;  
    an authentication level for said first user; and  
    a session start time for said first user.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said resource request  
information includes:

    an identification of a resource type;  
    an identification of a resource; and  
    an identification of an operation.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said resource request information includes:

- an identification of a resource type;
- an identification of a resource;
- an identification of an operation; and
- query string information.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said resource request information includes:

- an identification of a resource type;
- an identification of a resource;
- an identification of an operation; and
- post data information.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein:  
said web agent front end is a Web Gate.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein:  
said attempt to authorize is based on said user session state information and said  
resource request information.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
creating a resource request object, said resource request object represents a  
request to access said first resource; and  
creating a user session object, said user session object represents said first user  
after said first user has been authenticated.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
determining whether said first resource is protected;

determining an authentication scheme for said first resource; and  
determining whether said authentication scheme is satisfied based on said user session state information.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

making available to said application an indication of whether said first resource is protected; and

making available to said application an indication of said authentication scheme.

17. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of: determining one or more authentication actions for said first resource.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of:

making available to said application an indication of said one or more authentication actions for said first resource.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of:

performing at least one of said authentication actions for said first resource.

20. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of: determining one or more authorization actions for said first resource.

21. (Original) A method according to claim 20, further comprising the step of:

making available to said application an indication of said one or more authorization actions for said first resource.

22. (Original) A method according to claim 20, further comprising the step of:

performing at least one of said authorization actions for said first resource.

23. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of: determining one or more audit rules for said first resource.

24. (Original) A method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of:

making available to said application an indication of said one or more audit rules for said first resource.

25. (Original) A method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of:

performing at least one of said audit rules for said first resource.

26. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of: allowing said first user to access said first resource if said first user is authorized to access said first resource.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for providing access services by an application without a web agent front end, comprising:

receiving, at an application without a web agent front end, an electronic request from a first user to access a first resource, said step of receiving includes receiving information from a cookie wherein said information from said cookie is encrypted;

providing said information from said cookie to an application program interface for an access system; and

with said application, accessing authorization services of said access system using said application program interface, said accessing includes requesting said access system to

authorize said first user to access said first resource based on information from said electronic request from said first user and based on said information from said cookie[.] wherein said application does not have access to a key for decrypting said information from said cookie; requesting unencrypted data from said information from said cookie, said request being made to said access system interface; and receiving said unencrypted data from said access system interface.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Canceled)

31. (Original) A method according to claim 27, further comprising the steps of:

requesting data from said information from said cookie, said request being made to said access system interface;  
receiving said data from said access system interface; and  
using said data for an access system service.

32. (Original) A method according to claim 27, wherein:  
said information from said cookie was originally provided by a first web agent..

33. (Original) A method according to claim 27, wherein:  
said information from said cookie was originally provided by said access system interface.

34. (Original) A method according to claim 27, further comprising the steps of:  
determining whether said first resource is protected;

determining an authentication scheme for said first resource;  
determining whether said authentication scheme is satisfied based on said information from said cookie; and  
determining whether said first user is authorized to access said first resource.

35. (Original) A method according to claim 34, further comprising the step of:

allowing said first user to access said first resource if said first user is authorized to access said first resource.

36. (Currently Amended) One or more processor readable storage devices having processor readable code embodied on said processor readable storage devices, said processor readable code for programming one or more processors to perform a method comprising:

receiving user session state information for a first user at an application program interface for an access system, said user session state information is from an application without a web agent front end, said user session state information is from a cookie stored on a client for said first user, said user session state information is encrypted, and said step of receiving user session state information includes decrypting said user session state information;

receiving, at said application program interface, a request to authorize said first user to access a first resource, said request to authorize is from said application without a web agent front end; **and**

providing authorization services of said access system to said application using said application program interface in an attempt to authorize said first user to access said first resource without requiring said first user to re-submit authentication credentials[. . .];

receiving a request from said application for unencrypted data from said user session state information; and

providing said unencrypted data from said user session state information to said application, said application does not have access to a key to decrypt said user session state information.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) One or more processor readable storage devices according to claim 36, wherein:

~~said user session state information is a session token from a cookie stored on a client for said first user, said session state information was created by an access system; and said access system attempts to authorize said first user.~~

40. (Original) One or more processor readable storage devices according to claim 36, wherein said method further comprises the steps of:

determining whether said first resource is protected;

determining an authentication scheme for said first resource;

determining whether said authentication scheme is satisfied based on said user session state information;

making available to said application an indication of whether said first resource is protected; and

making available to said application an indication of said authentication scheme.

41. (Original) One or more processor readable storage devices according to claim 36, wherein said method further comprises the steps of:

determining one or more authorization actions for said first resource; and

making available to said application an indication of said one or more authorization actions for said first resource.

42. (Original) One or more processor readable storage devices according to claim 36, further comprising the step of:

allowing said first user to access said first resource if said first user is authorized to access said first resource.

43. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a communication interface;

one or more storage devices; and

one or more processors in communication with said one or more storage devices and said communication interface, said one or more processors programmed to perform a method comprising:

receiving user session state information for a first user at an application program interface for an access system, said user session state information is from an application without a web agent front end, said user session state information is from a cookie stored on a client for said first user, said user session state information is encrypted, and said step of receiving user session state information includes decrypting said user session state information,

receiving, at said application program interface, a request to authorize said first user to access a first resource, said request to authorize is from said application without a web agent front end, and

providing authorization services of said access system to said application using said application program interface in an attempt to authorize said first user to access said first resource without requiring said first user to re-submit authentication credentials[[.]],

receiving a request from said application for unencrypted data from said user session state information, and

providing said unencrypted data from said user session state information to said application, said application does not have access to a key to decrypt said user session state information.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 43, wherein:  
~~said user session state information is a session token from a cookie stored on a client for said first user, said session state information was created by an access system; and said access system attempts to authorize said first user.~~

47. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said method further comprises the steps of:

determining whether said first resource is protected;  
determining an authentication scheme for said first resource;  
determining whether said authentication scheme is satisfied based on said user session state information;  
making available to said application an indication of whether said first resource is protected; and  
making available to said application an indication of said authentication scheme.

48. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said method further comprises the steps of:

determining one or more authorization actions for said first resource; and  
making available to said application an indication of said one or more authorization actions for said first resource.

49. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 43, further comprising the step of:

allowing said first user to access said first resource if said first user is authorized to access said first resource.

50. (Currently Amended) One or more processor readable storage devices having processor readable code embodied on said processor readable storage devices, said processor readable code for programming one or more processors to perform a method for providing access services by an application without a web agent front end, the method comprising:

receiving, at an application without a web agent front end, an electronic request from a first user to access a first resource, said step of receiving includes receiving information from a cookie wherein said information from said cookie is encrypted;

providing said information from said cookie to an application program interface for an access system wherein said application does not have access to a key for decrypting said information from said cookie; and

with said application, accessing authorization services of said access system using said application program interface, said accessing includes requesting said access system to authorize said first user to access said first resource based on information from said request from said first user and based on said information from said cookie[. . .];

requesting unencrypted data from said information from said cookie, said request being made to said access system interface;

receiving said unencrypted data from said access system interface; and  
using said unencrypted data for an access system service.

51. (Canceled)

52. (Canceled)

53-55. (Canceled)

56. (Currently Amended) A method for providing access services, comprising:

authenticating a first user;

causing user session state information to be stored at a client for said first user  
wherein said user session state information is from a cookie stored on a client for said first user  
and said user session state information is encrypted;

authorizing said first user to access a first protected resource;

receiving a request from an application without a web agent front end to allow  
said first user to access a second protected resource, said step of receiving a request includes  
receiving said user session state information from said application and includes decrypting said  
user session state information; and

authorizing said first user to access said second protected resource without  
requiring said first user to re-submit authentication credentials, if said first user is authorized to  
access said second protected resource[. . .];

receiving a request from said application for unencrypted data from said user  
session state information; and

providing said unencrypted data from said user session state information to said  
application, said application does not have access to a key to decrypt said unencrypted data from  
said user session state information.

57. (Canceled)

58. (Canceled)

59. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 56, wherein:  
~~said user session state information is a session token from a cookie stored on a~~  
~~client for said first user,~~ said session state information was created by an access system; and  
said access system performs said step of allowing.

60. (Original) A method according to claim 56, further comprising the steps  
of:

determining whether said second resource is protected;

determining an authentication scheme for said second resource;  
    determining whether said authentication scheme is satisfied based on said user session state information;  
    making available to said application an indication of whether said first resource is protected; and  
    making available to said application an indication of said authentication scheme.

61. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:  
    a client;  
    at least one application without a web agent front end adapted to receive a request from said client for a user to access a first resource, said request includes information from a cookie wherein said information from said cookie is encrypted and said application does not have access to a key for decrypting said information from said cookie;  
    an access server adapted to provide authorization services for requests to access said first resource; and  
    an application program interface for said access server, said application program interface receives said information from said cookie and a request from said at least one application to authorize said first user to access said first resource, said application program interface provides said authorization services to said at least one application by attempting to authorize said first user to access said first resource based on information from said request from said first user and based on said information from said cookie.

62. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 61, wherein:  
~~said information from said cookie is encrypted;~~  
~~said application does not have access to a key for decrypting said information from said cookie;~~  
    said application requests unencrypted data from said information from said cookie, said request being made to said application program interface; and

said application receives said unencrypted data from said application program interface and uses said unencrypted data for an access system service.

63.    (Previously Presented) The system of claim 61, wherein:  
    said access system includes an access server; and  
    said application program interface for said access system is not located at said access server.

64.    (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
    maintaining at a directory server a policy domain, wherein the policy domain comprises:

    at least one authorization rule for said first resource;  
    at least one authentication rule for said first resource; and  
    at least one audit rule for said first resource.

65.    (Previously Presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the at least one authentication rule is a plurality of authentication rules comprising a first level authentication rule and a second level authentication rule.

66.    (Previously Presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the policy domain comprises at least one URL prefix.

67.    (Previously Presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the policy domain comprises at least one host identifiers.